

State of Connecticut
Department of Correction
Program Development

Alphabetical Listing of Programs for OSBORN CI

Addiction Services Aftercare Program

Description

The aftercare program is available to inmates following completion of Tier 3 or Tier 4 programs. It is designed to provide a continuum of care and maintenance of a recovery identity, which fosters independence, personal responsibility, and application of relapse prevention skills.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Addiction Services Tier 2 Intensive Outpatient Program

Description

The Tier 2 Program is an intensive outpatient Addiction Services program with 30 curriculum sessions for 10 weeks. Group components are held three times weekly and incorporate weekly fellowship meetings to lay the foundation of basic substance abuse information, promote personal identification with recovery, and motivate further treatment involvement.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Addiction Services Tier 4 Residential Treatment Program

Description

The Tier 4 Addiction Services program is a modified therapeutic community. The program provides inmates the opportunity to be involved in full-time substance treatment in a separate housing unit. Tier 4 treatment is intensive and includes curriculum, skill building and process groups, as well as community building and individual counseling. These residential programs are six months in length.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Description

ABE is the primary program of instruction designed to provide training in basic academic skills in the areas of reading, mathematics, language arts, general science and social studies. The program is directed toward increasing proficiency to the eighth grade level.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

AIDS Awareness Group

Description

This is a peer education program which allows inmates to discuss issues associated with HIV. Health Services staff who lead the program provide accurate information regarding all aspects of HIV.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education

AI-Anon

Description

This is a self-help support group for friends and family members of alcoholic or problem drinkers. Discussions primarily focus on problematic behaviors exhibited by the alcoholic, helping the attendees develop coping strategies. This on-going evening group is offered weekly.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous

Description

This is a 12-Step Fellowship self-help group for men and women who provide mutual support in obtaining and maintaining sobriety while also helping others to recover from alcoholism. Meetings, in a variety of formats (Big Book, Step Meetings, Speaker, etc.), are held on a weekly basis. Addiction Services staff coordinate the meetings and provide oversight for the program.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Alternatives to Violence (AVP):

Description

Certified AVP volunteers lead basic, intermediate and advanced workshops to teach inmates to understand and to control anger, and how to cope with violence in their lives. Inmates are provided certificates of completion for each workshop level. Those completing AVP workshops become eligible to serve as group facilitators.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Volunteer Group

Types:

Anger Management

Anger Management

Description

This group program is designed to help inmates better manage their anger. It teaches inmates how to redirect their anger to a less aggressive and more controlled response.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Anger Management

Apprenticeship Programs

Description

Apprenticeships in concert with the Labor Department are offered in thirty-six programs at twelve sites. These programs range in length from six months to three years. Vocational students earn apprenticeship credit and upon completion of a program are awarded a prospective apprenticeship certificate by the Connecticut Labor Department.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition, Vocational Education

Artists In Residence

Description

Accomplished artists provide inmates with an introduction to the basic principles of fine art. Volunteer Artists-In-Residence within correctional institutions bring art behind bars and serve to broaden inmates' abilities to express themselves by developing talents or skills in drawing, painting, music and creative writing. Inmate artwork is collected annually by a Prison Art Program Curator from Hartford's Community Partners in Action (CPA) which operates this service solely through the support of grants from local foundations, corporations and the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. This art collection is arranged for exhibition in community spaces across the state. The CPA also publishes an annual journal of arts in correction serving to bring creative writing, poetry and visual art produced by inmates to the broader community.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Volunteer Services

Types:

Self Improvement

Band Program

Description

This program provides inmates of different musical backgrounds an opportunity to learn and create different styles of music. There are currently four bands and each band plays twice a week for an hour session. These bands occasionally perform for the inmate population during various monthly activities.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Self Improvement

Bridging the Gap

Description

Alcoholics Anonymous is one of the most important self-help resources for alcoholic men and women. A very important first step for inmates being released into the community is attending the first meeting as soon as possible following release. Addiction Services staff in the institution utilize a toll-free telephone number to get information about the nearest AA meeting location, along with the name of a contact person. An AA member then will contact the inmate upon release and even provide transportation to a meeting.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Building Maintenance

Description

This program is designed to help students develop their special interests in the areas of woodworking, electricity, masonry and plumbing techniques. The first phase includes cabinetmaking, carpentry, furniture refinishing, and machine work. The second phase of the program involves basics of electricity, plugs, cords and receptacles. In the final phase of Building Maintenance the students learn the techniques of plumbing, including cutting, threading, and bending copper and plastic pipe. Throughout the courses shop and tool safety is always stressed.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Business Education

Description

This program prepares students for entry-level employment requiring basic business skills.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Cap Factory

Description

Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut oversees this private sector company engaged in the manufacturing of baseball caps. Inmates assigned to this area earn prevailing wage and generally work forty hours per week. Inmates selected for this assignment must first spend at least one year in the textile shop and have better than average sewing machine skills. Approximately 50% of wages earned is deducted from inmate pay for room and board, victim fund, child support and taxes.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut

Types:

Institutional Employment, Vocational Education

Carpentry/Cabinet Making

Description

Students learn to build, install, and repair different kinds of wooden structures and cabinets. Instruction includes basic math skills, to include measurements and calculation processes. Inmates are taught proper use of equipment and hand tools, terminology related to the carpentry trade and the need for cooperation and team-work. Students learn to read and follow blueprints and estimate materials and costs for selected projects.

This course also includes introduction to manufacturing technology (CAD/CAM) and industrial production programs. This vocation training prepares inmates for jobs in the community.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Catholic Mass

Description

This is the weekly Catholic worship service.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Catholic Rap Group

Description

This is a weekly informal discussion group that is open to current issues pertaining to the Catholic faith and their practical application. A volunteer conducts this group.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Catholic Studies

Description

Participants in this program study materials from the Confirmation Lesson Plan Guide. This study prepares students for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Choir

Description

Both Catholic and Protestant inmates are able to join choirs in their respective religious service. These choirs both enhance the religious liturgies and add a level of veneration to those services.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Co-Counseling

Description

Volunteers under the auspices of Addiction Services conduct this program. It is designed to promote personal growth with a specific focus on enhancing self-esteem and helping inmates make positive changes in their lives. Participants of the program focus on applying recovery principles to make positive changes in their lives. Issues such as self-esteem are discussed and role-plays are utilized to provide concrete opportunities to apply new information to work out real life problems.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Community Outreach Program Support (COPS)

Description

This program was developed at Osborn Correctional Institution. Groups of youth from schools and other organizations come into the prison. While visiting the prison they meet with staff and inmates. The program is designed to encourage participants to make wise decisions, to act responsibly, and to establish and work on personal goals. Inmate testimonials are used to show youth the consequences that the inmates now face as a result of their personal failure in these areas.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Community Service, Self Improvement

Domestic Violence Program

Description

This program helps inmates to understand the nature of domestic violence and abuse. It explores underlying causes of domestic violence and helps inmates to examine their activities and behaviors. The last component focuses on developing skills to help inmates learn to respond in non-violent, appropriate ways.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services, Volunteer Group

Types:

Domestic Violence, Family

Educational, Career Resources and Job Fairs

Description

These types of Fairs are conducted in the form of a professional conference for students. The educational staff invite a keynote speaker and students proceed to attend individual workshops on a variety of topics. The goal of these Fairs is to assist inmates with their transition plans before they return to the community.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition

Embracing Fatherhood

Description

Embracing Fatherhood is a program designed to assist incarcerated fathers in gaining awareness of the important role they play in the lives of their children. This awareness will enable participants to successfully embrace their roles as fathers and begin to build healthy lifestyles that will benefit both their children and them.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff, Volunteer Group

Types:

Family

Family Education & Parenting

Description

This program is designed to help inmates with children become responsible parents. Inmates have classes in parenting skills and in some cases read children's books into audio or video-cassettes to send home to their children. Components of the parenting skills classes include parenting from a distance, discipline techniques, and communicating with children.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff, USD#1

Types:

Family

Gang Awareness Program

Description

This is a mandatory 8-week program offered in the Close Monitoring Unit for Security Risk Group members. Inmates must complete this program before they are considered for release from the unit. The program focuses on inmate choices, values and how they have gotten to this point in their lives.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

SRG

Gardening/Activity Program

Description

This is a program for mentally ill inmates. Priority is given to inmates who have recently been discharged from inpatient mental health treatment. The goals of the program are to help the impaired inmates to interact with staff and one another, to help them follow instructions, and to help them accomplish limited goals. While attending the group, staff monitor and assist inmates in the areas of personal hygiene, grooming, and appropriate interpersonal behavior. Lower functioning inmates are assisted in developing daily living skills needed to function in a correctional setting.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Mental Health

General Educational Development (GED)

Description

The GED is the primary program of instruction for students functioning above an eighth grade level who wish to earn a State of Connecticut high school diploma through the examination process. GED Tutors and volunteers assist Department teachers by helping inmates prepare for the GED Exam and/or by helping to teach basic language skills.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

HIV Counseling, Testing & Risk Reduction Education

Description

When inmates are tested for HIV, the department provides standardized counseling by Department of Public Health certified counselors before and after testing. Counseling components include what HIV and AIDS are, how to get it, how to avoid getting it, what it means to be HIV positive, how to take care of oneself if one is HIV positive, and help in dealing with the associated feelings.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education

HIV Support Group

Description

The Medical and Mental Health staff conduct this weekly support group for inmates infected with HIV. Although the group is conducted at Osborn-CI, inmates from other facilities in Complex I can attend. The purposes of the group include providing a safe and confidential forum to talk about their disease, to provide accurate and current information, and to encourage medication adherence.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education

HIV Support Services

Description

The Department demonstrates a collaborative approach in providing HIV support services to inmates in all facilities. A UCONN (Contracted) Health Services Team coordinates testing and counseling services; the Department's School District conducts classroom instruction about HIV; the Department's Addiction Services Unit Counselors provide HIV education and prevention counseling; a number of volunteers serve as "buddies" or sponsors; and Hartford's Community Partners in Action (CPA) receives funding from foundations, grants as well as support from the state's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to operate the "Beyond Fear" Program. Altogether the Department hosts a complete program that includes counseling, testing, education focus groups, videos, intervention strategies and is able to assist discharging inmates with need for such services as housing, medical treatment, food, clothing and transportation.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education

HIV Volunteer Support Services

Description

In this program volunteers work with individuals and community-based HIV organizations to provide support services to offenders experiencing HIV related issues.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Health Education

Industry Janitors (CEC)

Description

Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut (CEC) operates an extensive industries program at Osborn-CI. One of the services that Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut provides for inmates is the provision of institutional employment by training and supervising a group of industry janitors to insure that the industry area is clean at all times.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut

Types:

Institutional Employment, Vocational Education

Industry Warehouse

Description

This program trains inmates to learn how to work in a warehouse setting. This involves training them to store, pick, pack, and ship industry orders and supplies. These skills are easily transferred to the outside job market.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut

Types:

Institutional Employment, Vocational Education

Islamic Video and Discussion

Description

This is a weekly instructional video and discussion group focused on the historical background of Islam, prayer, customs, and traditions. A short discussion follows each video.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Jehovah's Witness Bible Study

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Jehovah's Witness principles.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Jewish Worship and Torah Studies

Description

Jewish Worship services and Torah studies are conducted weekly. During the Holy Days, services are celebrated under the supervision of the Religious Coordinator.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Jumah

Description

Jumah is the weekly Muslim worship service.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Laundry - Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut

Description

The laundry processes over 150,000 pounds of laundry each month. Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut provides institutional employment to inmates in commercial laundry operations. Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut teaches inmates how to operate industrial laundry equipment.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut

Types:

Institutional Employment, Vocational Education

Literacy Volunteers of America

Description

An active group of community volunteers, as well as inmate volunteers, contribute hundreds of hours to combat illiteracy for inmates in all of the facilities. Basic reading, vocabulary and comprehension skills are stressed.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1, Volunteer Services

Types:

Academic Education

Micro Computers/Computer Education

Description

The MicroComputer Software Application Technology course is designed to provide students with an introduction to computer operations and with the application of various software packages and programs. Students begin by learning simple software programs and then progress to more sophisticated packages as their individual skills develop. Software programs introduced include but are not limited to the following: Access, Visual Basics, Adobe Pagemaker, Excel, WordPerfect, MicroSoft Works, Power Point, Micro-Soft Word, Micro-Soft for Windows, and PageMaker. Students design and complete projects using this software.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Narcotics Anonymous

Description

Narcotics Anonymous is a twelve-step fellowship of addicts helping addicts to recover from the disease of addiction. Meetings, in a variety of formats (Step Meetings, Speaker, Speaker/Discussion, etc.), are held on a weekly basis. The meetings are usually conducted by outside volunteers who share their story of addiction and recovery. Addiction Services staff coordinate the meetings and provide oversight for the program.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Native American Video and Discussion

Description

This is a weekly instructional video and discussion group that focuses on the historical background of the 500 nations of native people, their customs, and traditions. A short discussion follows each video.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Native American Worship

Description

Sacred Circle is a community prayer, which includes smudging. It is celebrated weekly.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious, Worship Services

Native American Worship-Sweat Lodge

Description

Sweat lodge is a purification ceremony, which includes smudging. It is celebrated monthly.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Parents Anonymous

Description

This is a self-help group for current or prospective fathers that primarily focuses on strategies to help inmates gain the ability to deal more effectively with their children.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Volunteer Services

Types:

Family

Peer Mentor Program

Description

Peer Mentors are Tier program graduates who assist Addiction Services staff in the presentation of Tier program groups and 12-Step Fellowship groups. The primary purpose of Peer Mentors is to model a recovery lifestyle for other program participants. Weekly training meetings are required for all Peer Mentors.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Post-Secondary Programs

Description

College and Correspondence Courses are offered in an effort to encourage or prepare students for ongoing educational opportunities (Students pay a tuition and book fee for college courses). One of the main goals is to be able to provide well-behaved inmates an opportunity to be engaged in self-development.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Print Shop

Description

This shop operates a full range of printing equipment including two-color and four-color printing presses, desktop publishing computers and high-speed bindery equipment. Inmates assigned to this shop learn a skill that is easily transferred to the outside job market.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut

Types:

Institutional Employment, Vocational Education

Protestant Bible Study

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Protestant Bible Study (Spanish)

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with Spanish inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Protestant Service

Description

This is the weekly Protestant worship service.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Worship Services

Protestant Service (Spanish)

Description

This is the weekly Protestant worship service conducted in Spanish.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Worship Services

Re-Entry Program

Description

This is a program designed to help inmates make a successful transition to the community. Topics include "understanding and breaking the prison mentality," how to transition back to family and friends, creating a budget, and accessing needed services. Inmates are helped to obtain a Social Security Card, motor vehicle license, and other forms of identification. The program encourages and helps inmates to use community-based services such as AA & NA. Those inmates not returning to a family or supervised residential placement are assisted in locating affordable housing.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Family, Transition

Self Management and Recovery Training

Description

S.M.A.R.T. meets once a week for ten weeks. It is an abstinence-based self management-recovery-training program for SRG inmates experiencing addictive behavior problems. S.M.A.R.T. focuses on enhancing motivation; reversing destructive lifestyle, refusing to act on urges to use; managing life's problems in a sensible and effective way and developing a positive, balanced and healthy lifestyle.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Facility Staff

Types:

Addiction, SRG

Sesame Street

Description

This is a weekend program offered to inmates' children from 3 to 11 years of age. Inmate caregivers work with these children under the supervision of staff from a contracted provider, Families in Crisis. When families visit inmates their children are given the opportunity to play games or engage in other age-appropriate and fun activities. In order for the inmates to become caretakers they are carefully screened by DOC staff. In addition, they receive a 16-week training session.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Contracted Program, Volunteer Services

Types:

Family

Sex Offender Program

Description

The Sex Offender Program is a specialized program for inmates who have committed a sexual assault. The program is provided by mental health staff with specialized training in the treatment of sex offenders. The overall goal of the program is to decrease sexual violence. The program teaches inmates about the nature of sexual assault, helping them develop an individualized relapse prevention strategy for themselves, helping them improve the quality of normal interpersonal relationships, helping them better manage their anger, and helping them develop victim empathy.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Sex Offender

Small Engine Repair

Description

This program instructs students in the repair of two-cycle, four cycle and marine engines. It uses both hands-on training and theory classes. Group/individual instruction is offered by a qualified supervisor and periodic tests in theory and practice are administered. This program is very useful to inmates seeking employment in the community.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Special Education and Pupil Services

Description

The special education teachers, pupil services specialists (School Psychologists, School Counselors, School Social Workers), and the associated clerical and durational staff provide services to students with handicapping conditions which interfere with their ability to participate in school. These services are mandated by federal (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997) and state (Connecticut General Statutes 10-76) statute. Special education services encompass a broad array of activities including assessment, counseling, transition planning, and both the direct and indirect (e.g. consultation) services of the special education teachers and pupil services staff. Student programs are designed according to the individual needs of each student with disabilities and are specified in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP.)

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Sponsorship Behind the Walls

Description

This program is designed for inmates participating in a 12-step recovery program. It enables participants to write to an outside sponsor in order to work the 12 steps of recovery.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Strive Program

Description

STRIVE is a program operated by a number not-for-profit affiliates. Its main goal is to help people get and keep jobs. STRIVE emphasizes developing the kinds of attitudes that are necessary to get and keep a job. It actively assists in job placement for graduates and offers two-year long-term post placement support to help its graduates with whatever problem that threatens their continued success. In this collaborative effort, STRIVE and the Department of Correction staff enrolls the inmates in an intensive three-week program, to begin upon discharge from the facility. The objective of this collaborative program is to keep the participants from returning to the Department of Correction by helping them change their attitude, get a job, and keep the job.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Volunteer Group

Types:

Transition

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Description

TESOL is an instructional program for students whose primary language is not English. TESOL instruction helps students to speak, read and write English or assists them in developing the language skills necessary for overall academic and vocational progress.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Tech Prep Program

Description

This is a program that offers opportunities for high school students to earn college credits through work with Community Colleges and USD#1 teachers.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Textile Shop

Description

This is the largest of the shops of Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut (CEC). Inmates first assigned to this program spend several months in a training program learning how to operate sewing machines and other equipment used in the manufacture of garments and mattresses. The shop manufactures over 400,000 items annually. Inmates learn to work in a high production environment providing quality products in a timely manner.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut

Types:

Institutional Employment, Vocational Education

Thinking for a Change

Description

This cognitive behavior program was developed by the National Institute of Corrections. It is designed to help inmates change the way they think, help inmates develop improved social skills, and help inmates learn problem-solving skills. Research links successful completion of such programs to reduced recidivism.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Self Improvement, Youth CDU

Transition/School to Work

Description

The Transition/School to Work program's mission is to place participating students in employment and/or vocational/educational programs and to provide each student with a needs-based transition plan prior to his/her release to maximize potential for successful re-entry into society. School-based and work-based learning opportunities are provided through job and resource fairs, employment skills curriculum, sessions with transition counselors and meetings with a transition coordinator. A USD#1 brochure describing this program is available.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition

Transitional Linkage into the Community (TLC)

Description

Transitional Linkage into the Community (TLC) is a program of Community Partners in Action which provides discharge planning for inmates with HIV/AIDS. TLC serves every prison and jail in the state, and works with clients returning to every region of the state. TLC case managers meet clients' emergency needs upon release, and connect them with services in their local communities for continuing care and assistance.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Contracted Program, Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Transition

Victim-Offender Dialogue

Description

For a variety of reasons, it is sometimes helpful for victims to meet with offenders. The department's Victim Services Unit evaluates and when appropriate facilitates this dialogue. The process is designed to achieve the objectives of restorative justice, healing the victim, and confronting and holding the offender accountable. Although this process can often be very helpful to the inmate, all such dialogues are initiated at the request of victims.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

Facility Staff, Victim Services

Types:

Domestic Violence, Victim

Youth Offender Program

Description

Through the use of federal funds, post-secondary education and transition services are provided to "youth offenders" up to the age of 26 who are eligible for parole or release within five years. A transition counselor provides assistance and counseling to encourage participants to acquire functional literacy as well as life/job skills while in prison. Students participate in post-secondary classes, complete portfolios, and develop transition plans and placement.

Facility:

Osborn CI

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education, Vocational Education